



Board of Registrars

Date: Monday, January 29, 2024

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Town Hall, First Floor Annex Conference Room

Attendance: Juli Brazile, Bill Logan, Rebecca Betlyon, Ralph MacDonald

Meeting Notes – these have not been approved by the Board

1. Agenda review

There were no questions about the agenda..

2. Approve Minutes of September 19, 2023

On a motion by Rebecca Betlyon and seconded by Bill Logan, the minutes were approved as submitted. 4 – 0

3. Discussion and Vote: Early Voting In-Person for April

Juli Brazile reviewed the legal requirement for the Registrars to vote to recommend in person early voting for local elections. She proposes holding in person early voting on Saturday, March 30 from 10 am to 2 pm and then for normal office hours April 1-2 and to stay open until 7 pm on Wednesday, April 3. Early voting will be handled by her staff and that they would normally be working overtime hours the week before an election so it's not a measurable cost.

On a motion by Bill Logan and seconded by Rebecca Betlyon, the Registrars voted to recommend in person early voting to the Select Board for the April election. 4 – 0

4. Discussion and Vote: Authorize Clerk Staff to Perform Official Functions

Because the duties of Registrars include signing hundreds of pages of nomination papers, regulations allow the Board to authorize the Clerk's Office staff to use a stamp with facsimile signatures. On a motion by Ralph MacDonald and seconded by Rebecca Betlyon, the Registrars voted to authorize the Clerk's Office to use a signature stamp for any authorized use. 4 – 0.

5. Voter Registration Opportunities

Juli reviewed dates and times when the Registrars are needed and asked if there were other ideas.

a. Saturday, February 24

Juli requested the assistance of the Registrars to assist with voter registration from 9 am to 12:30 pm at a table set up in the Town Hall Auditorium on the last day to register before the March 5 Presidential Primary.

b. Wednesday, March 27

Because the last day to register for the April 6 Town Election is a weekday, the Clerk's Office will remain open until 5 pm and the Registrars are not needed that day.

c. Other

We discussed other times when the Registrars might do voter registration outreach. EcoFest and Town Day were suggested. Juli said that she didn't notice the opportunity to offer voter registration at the Chinese New Year event the previous week, but noted that a public event that brings people to Town Hall who might not otherwise come could reach people. We agreed to discuss ideas for the fall of 2024 at our next meeting.

6. Next Meeting Date

The Board agreed that a meeting in May or early June to discuss voter registration opportunities was needed. Juli will propose dates.

7. New Business

There was no new business.

8. Adjourn

On a motion by Bill Logan and seconded by Rebecca Betlyon, the Registrars voted to adjourn at 7:50 pm. 4 – 0